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Sir:

In the Advisory Action dated January 28, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the claim amendments filed on January 6, 2004 may have raised the issue of "new matter". In response to that assertion, attached hereto is a table showing the support in the application, as originally filed, for all of the limitations added to the claims by the previous amendment. This table clearly shows that every added limitation is well supported by the original specification.

An action on the merits of the amended claims is requested.

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If the above amendment should not now place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amended claims	drawing	specification
18.(currently amended)) A		
communication network		
comprising at least three		
nodes interconnected by at		
least two distinct		
communication links		
and control means for	Figures 4, 5,	Page 9, lines
controlling operation of each	7, 9-11;	7-13
node, wherein:	element 47	
at least a first one of said	Figures 4, 5,	Page 8, lines
nodes has first and second	7, 9-11;	17-27; page 9,
line couplers and signal	elements 42,	lines 12-19;
transfer means controlled by	43 and 44	page 9, line
said control means for		23- page 10,
controlling transfer of data		lime 16
to and from each of said line		
couplers;		
each of said line	Figures 4-11;	Page 10, lines
couplers is coupled to another	links 61	17-22
one of said nodes by a		
respective one of said		
communication links; and		
said control means are	Figure 12	Page 9, lines
operative for controlling said		12-13; page
signal transfer means of at		15, lines 4-11
least said first one of said		
nodes to establish a selected		
one of a plurality of		
operating modes, including:		
a data generating mode in	Figures 9 and	page 13, lines
which data is generated in	12	9-18
said first one of said nodes		
and transferred to only a		
selected one of said line		
couplers;		
and a repeating mode in which	Figures 5a,	page 9, line
only data received at one of	5b and 12	25 to page 10,
said line couplers is repeated		line 3
without format change to the		
other one of said line		
couplers.	<u> </u>	

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19. (currently amended) The network as in claim 18, wherein another one of said operating modes is a receiving mode wherein said first one of said nodes receives data in one or more communication links.	Figures 10 and 12;	page 16, lines 1-3
25. (currently amended) The network as in claim 18, wherein said control means is operative for selecting the operating mode of said first one of said nodes via signals transported by the network.		Page 14, lines 7-10
28. (currently amended)) The network as in claim 18, wherein at least said first one of said nodes comprises, for repeating data received via one communication link, a repeater connected between said first and second line couplers, said repeater being controllable to repeat data in a selected direction between said first and second line couplers.	Figures 5, 10 and 12	Page 9, line 23 to page 10, line 6